

Amendments to the Claims:

1. (Original) A sulphur dioxide releasing film comprising:
a hydrophilic polymer which is swellable upon contact with moisture;
calcium sulphite or sodium sulphite; and
a latent acidulant.
2. (Original) A film according to claim 1 in which the latent acidulant comprises at least one anhydride.
3. (Currently amended) A film according to claim 2 in which the latent acidulant comprises at least one anhydride compound from the group comprising succinic anhydride, benzoic anhydride, itaconic anhydride, and adipic anhydride.
4. (Currently amended) A film according to ~~any of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1 in which the polymer comprises ethyl cellulose or cellulose acetate.
5. (Currently amended) A film according to ~~any of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1 in which the polymer comprises a blend of a hydrophilic polymer with a hydrophobic polymer.
6. (Original) A film according to claim 5 in which the hydrophobic polymer comprises polyethylene.
7. (Currently amended) A film according to claim 5 ~~or claim 6~~ in which the hydrophilic polymer comprises poly(ethylene oxide) or poly(vinyl alcohol-ethylene).
8. (Currently amended) A film according to ~~any of claims 1 to 7~~ claim 1 in which the polymer is capable of absorbing during swelling at least 2%, preferably at least 4%, most preferably about 10% water by weight of the polymer.
9. (Currently amended) A sulphur dioxide releasing article comprising a sulphur dioxide releasing film according to ~~any of claims 1 to 8~~ claim 1.
10. (Original) A sulphur dioxide releasing article according to claim 9 comprising an article coated with the sulphur dioxide releasing film.

11. (Currently amended) A packaging material according to claim 9 or claim 10.
12. (Currently amended) A foodstuff according to claim 9 or claim 10.